

REMARKS

This is a full and timely response to the outstanding non-final Office Action mailed February 8, 2005. Reconsideration and allowance of the application and pending claims are respectfully requested.

I. Abstract Objection

The Abstract has been objected to for containing legal terminology. In response, Applicant submits herewith a revised Abstract that is devoid of such legal terminology. Applicant respectfully submits that the Abstract is not objectionable, and therefore respectfully requests that the objection be withdrawn.

II. Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)

Applicant's original claims 1-24 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Schmid (U.S. Pat. No. 5,659,164) in view of Walsh (U.S. Pat. No. 5,496,071), either alone or in combination of other references. As is apparent from the foregoing, however, each of Applicant's independent claims has been amended through this Response. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that the rejections are moot as having been drawn against the claims in a previous form. Applicant does, however, provide a brief discussion of the amended claims in the following for the Examiner's consideration.

Applicant's claims describe methods, systems, and devices for manipulating information obtained by a given information source. For example, claim 1 provides as follows (emphasis added):

1. A method for collecting information when conducting research, comprising:

electronically capturing content with a handheld scanning device;

separately electronically capturing source information pertinent to the source of the captured content using the handheld scanning device;

associating the content and the source information on the handheld scanning device; and

transmitting the associated content and source information from the handheld scanning device to another device for manipulation.

Applicant has reviewed the various art references cited by the Examiner and has determined that those references, either alone or in combination, at least fail to teach or suggest “electronically capturing content with a handheld scanning device”, “separately electronically capturing source information . . . using the handheld scanning device”, and “associating the content and the source information on the handheld scanning device”. For at least this reason, Applicant believes claim 1 to be allowable over the art of record. Notably, Applicant’s other independent claims contain similar limitations that are not taught or suggested by the art. Accordingly, Applicant believes that all of the claims that remain in the application are in condition for immediate allowance.

III. Canceled Claims

As identified above, claim 12 has been canceled from the application through this Response without prejudice, waiver, or disclaimer. Applicant reserves the right to present that canceled claim, or variants thereof, in continuing applications to be filed subsequently.

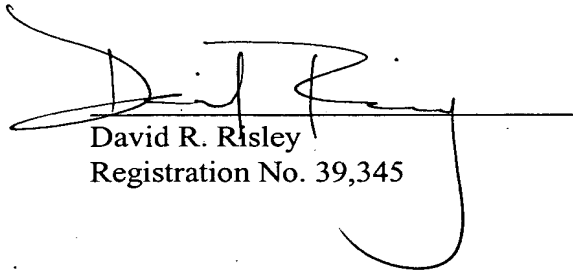
IV. New Claims

As identified above, claims 25-31 have been added into the application through this Response. Applicant respectfully submits that these new claims describe an invention novel and unobvious in view of the prior art of record and, therefore, respectfully requests that these claims be held to be allowable.

CONCLUSION

Applicant respectfully submits that Applicant's pending claims are in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and allowance of the present application and all pending claims are hereby courteously requested. If, in the opinion of the Examiner, a telephonic conference would expedite the examination of this matter, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at (770) 933-9500.

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